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## *The United States Declares War* *A Joint Resolution of Congress, December 11, 1941*

**W**hereas the Government of Germany has formally declared war against the Government and the people of the United States of America:

*Therefore be it*

*Resolved* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the state of war between the United States and the Government of Germany which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and the President is hereby authorized and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the Government to carry on war against the Government of Germany; and, to bring the conflict to a successful termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States.

Approved, December 11, 1941, 3:05 p.m., E. S. T.

### *Source*

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